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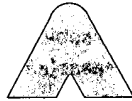
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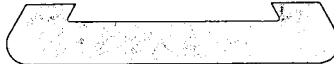
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**IRAQ-IRAN CONFLICT  
AL BASRAH AREA, IRAQ**

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1. (S/D) SIGNIFICANCE: THE FORWARD EDGE OF THE BATTLE AREA (FEBA) IS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM [REDACTED] AND THE LULL IN THE FIGHTING CONTINUES. HOWEVER, CRATERS FROM OF RECENT IRANIAN SHELLING OF THE IRAQI FRONTLINE, AN IMPROVED IRANIAN LOGISTICAL CAPABILITY, REPOSITIONING OF IRAQI ARMORED RESERVES AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ARE EVIDENT. 25X1
2. (S/D) REMARKS: THE ENTIRE BATTLE AREA IN THE AL BASRAH AREA IS OBSERVED. IRANIAN CONSTRUCTION ON THE AHVAZ TO KHORRAMSHAHR RAIL LINE AND THE NEW RAIL YARD IS CONTINUING (GRAPHICS 1 AND 2). SECTIONS OF THE RAIL YARD UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR THE IRANIAN LOGISTICS AREA AT 30-48N 048-11E ARE NEWLY OPERATIONAL SINCE [REDACTED] SEVERAL TRAINS (APPROXIMATELY 40 RAILCARS, NOT ALL ON GRAPHIC) ARE PRESENT. WHEN FULLY OPERATIONAL, THE RAILYARD WILL HAVE AT LEAST FOUR, AND POSSIBLY FIVE SEPARATE TRACKS FOR UNLOADING TRAINS WHICH WILL GREATLY IMPROVE THE IRANIAN CAPABILITY TO SUPPLY FORCES IN THE AREA. ADDITIONAL WORK ON THE RAIL LINE IS CONTINUING IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE RAILYARD WHERE A TRACKLAYER AND A WORK TRAIN ARE PRESENT. ROAD CONSTRUCTION IN THIS AREA IS ALSO EVIDENT. IRANIAN ARMORED RESERVES REMAIN IN THE ASSEMBLY AREAS. 25X1

(S/D) REPOSITIONING OF IRAQI ARMORED RESERVES IS EVIDENT, POSSIBLY IN RESPONSE TO RECENT IRANIAN SHELLING OF IRAQI FRONTLINE POSITIONS. MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE ARMORED BRIGADE HAVE DEPARTED THE ASSEMBLY AREAS IN THE VICINITY OF 30-50N 047-40E SINCE [REDACTED] MAJOR ELEMENTS OF AT LEAST ONE ARMORED BATTALION ARE NEWLY DEPLOYED BEHIND THE IRAQI FRONTLINE IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE FRONT. THE IRAQI FRONTLINES IN THE VICINITY OF 30-39N 047-58E WERE SHELLED BY THE IRANIANS BETWEEN [REDACTED] EXTENSIVE CONSTRUCTION OF DEFENSIVE POSITIONS CONTINUES THROUGHOUT THE BATTLE AREA. AN ADDITIONAL LINE OF INFANTRY ENTRENCHMENTS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE FRONT BETWEEN 30-56N 047-57E AND 31-00N 048-02E. 25X1

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